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gation or commercial status. He has been consistent in his purpose "to convey to his reader a lively sense of the romance, the heroism and the adventure which belong to this great stream and the parts of the Northwest about it," and he has made an effort "to impress his readers with the majesty of the Columbia."

The book is divided into two parts. Part I deals with the history of the river region. The brief introductory chapter descriptive of the land is unsatisfactory mostly because of the attempt to condense into a few pages many things which need extensive elucidation. The climate of the region is discussed to the extent of one page and it is unfortunate that a persistent misconception is advanced in explanation of the small range of temperature. "As is well known, the Japan ocean current exercises upon the Pacific Coast an effect similar to that of the Gulf Stream on Ireland and England." Throughout the remainder of Part I, the author, the professor of History in Whitman College, is in his chosen field, and he presents the story of the growth of the region in a popular way, while the text is woven in the fascinating myths of the Indians.

Part II contains a description of the various portions of the river country under the caption "A Journey down the River." It includes an account of the Canadian Rockies about the sources of the river, and in turn are described the marvelous lake regions of the river in northeastern Washington, the fertile plains of the Columbia with their fields of wheat and fruit, the passage of the river through the Cascade Mountains, and, finally, the lower river and the City of Portland. The author apparently feels that words do not express enough, and he has allowed himself to use in many instances, and especially while describing the country around Lake Chelan, extravagant phrases, as "superlatively magnificent," "symposium of sublimities" and the like.

The illustrations are many and all of them significant and attractive, and they also tell an effective story of the wonders of the extreme Northwest. R. M. B.

Teacher's Geography. A Syllabus and Note Book. Climates and Maps, with Practical Exercises. By Mark Jefferson, Michigan State Normal College. 2d Edition. Ypsilanti, Mich., 1909.

Professor Jefferson's practical exercises in geography were designed to meet the needs of his students. They will, at the same time, be found useful by many other teachers who want a series of definite, clean-cut, systematic laboratory exercises in meteorology. There are nineteen well-selected exercises on climatic subjects; five on map-drawing, and then a set of useful questions on a series of world diagrams showing distribution of population, temperature, provinces, rainfall and plant regions. We are especially glad to note that the author has included the excellent classification of climates in relation to vegetation proposed by Köppen in 1900. A reproduction of Köppen's original map was published in the *BULLETIN* for July, 1905. The explanatory text which accompanies each exercise is brief, but clear and to the point. The book is likely to serve a useful purpose outside of the author's own class-room.

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Reisestudien aus dem Westlichen Südamerika. Von Therese Prinzessin von Bavaria. 2 vols. Vol. 1, xix and 379 pp., 4 Maps, 3 Plates and 78 Illustrations; Vol. 2, xiii and 340 pp., 2 Maps, 3 Plates, 83 Illustrations and Index. Dietrich Reimer (Ernst Vohsen), Berlin, 1908. M. 20.

Her Highness, the Princess Theresa of Bavaria, has subjected the American continent to several successive visits, all of which have been somewhat fruitful in scientific results. To complete her survey she made, in 1898, a rapid tour through